

decoding means for decoding the first encryption secure information stored in said first storage medium using the first media ID to obtain the key and the first license information; and

encryption means for encrypting the key and a second license information, representing a second right to use the contents that is devolved from the first license information stored on the first storage medium, together with one another or individually, with the second media ID, to generate a second encryption secure information with the second media ID for storage in said second storage medium.

2. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A license devolution apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said encryption means encrypts with the first media ID a third license information, obtained through subtracting the second license information from the first license information, or encrypts with the first media ID both the key and a third right of using, to generate a third encryption secure information and stores the third encryption secure information in the first storage medium.

5. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A license devolution apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first license information and the second license information represent the presence of the right to use, and the third license information represents the absence of the right to use.

6. (TWICE AMENDED) A license devolution apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first license information represents a first available number of times or available time, the second license information represents a second available number of times or available time which is less than the first available number of times or available time, and the third license information represents a third available number of times or available time which is obtained through subtracting the second available number of times or available time from the first available number of times or available time.

8. (TWICE AMENDED) A license devolution method, comprising storing in a first storage medium contents encrypted with a predetermined key, a first media ID identifying the first storage medium, and encryption secure information generated by encrypting with the first media ID, the key and a first license information, which represents a right to use the contents;